

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2790 - SB 3638

February 8, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Expands the definition of a “parent” concerning parental relocation petitions to include a grandparent who has been awarded visitation rights. Gives standing to such grandparent to petition the court for custody and authorizes the court to award custody to the grandparent.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, it is likely that grandparents with visitation rights are already filing petitions where opposition to parental relocation is sought.
- The proposed legislation will allow such grandparents to seek custody in these matters, and could potentially result in prolonged trials and hearings. Any increase in state and local government expenditures is estimated to be not significant and can be accommodated within existing budgetary resources.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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